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TO: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT: Operating Relationships for Coordination
of Activities of OSI and OSO*Dec 15
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1. Reference is made to the attached undated draft memorandum concerning the above subject from you to the Executive, and to my discussions concerning it and related matters with you on 21 October 1949.

2. On the basis of this memorandum, our discussions of the problem, and the allegations in Enclosure IV to the memorandum from AD/OSI to DCI, dated 29 September 1949, I have made a careful examination of the present functioning and position of TGS/OSO and of the OSO program for the collection of scientific and technical intelligence. As a result, I have come to the following conclusions:

a. It has not been adequately demonstrated that TGS is ineffective in its present position, and TGS has not been completely or properly exploited by OSI as a channel for the furnishing of appropriate technical and scientific intelligence guidance.

b. The transfer of TGS to OSI at the present time will not result in any practical solution of the problem raised by lack of coordination in the scientific and technical intelligence field, and in addition such transfer might well hamper increased coordination by resulting in the loss of personnel with technical qualifications who have, by virtue of their experience in OSO, acquired at least basic knowledge of clandestine operations.

c. OSI and its predecessor organizations have never made available to OSO adequate specific and detailed guidance for the clandestine collection of scientific and technical intelligence and related priorities and targets.

d. The allegations of OSO deficiencies contained in Enclosure IV of reference memorandum are not substantially borne out by the facts available to OSO.

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3. On the basis of the conclusions I have reached, there are set out below comments which I feel should replace those in the attached draft memorandum:

"Within the area of scientific and technical intelligence, OSI shall:

- a. Have responsibility for the coordination of requirements for and the assessment of priorities for the collection of scientific and technical intelligence.
- b. Participate through TGS/OSO in the planning, initiation and review of operations primarily designed for the collection of scientific and technical intelligence. All operations primarily designed to procure scientific and technical intelligence or to fulfill scientific and technical objectives shall be coordinated by OSO with AD/OSI or his designated representative prior to implementation.
- c. Receive directly all scientific and technical intelligence except that which is strictly operational in nature.
- d. Be responsible for recommending to OSO and OCD principles and procedures for the dissemination of scientific and technical intelligence outside CIA.
- e. Have full responsibility for furnishing technical and scientific guidance to the Foreign Divisions of OSO through TGS/OSO.
- f. Through TGS/OSO have access to OSO Foreign Divisions where necessary or desirable for discussion or other purposes.
- g. Have access to needed counterespionage information for exploitation in support of scientific and technical intelligence estimates and evaluations under necessary counterespionage and other OSO restrictions.

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1. Be permitted to assign technical advisers to OSO [Redacted] under the administration of OSO where such assignment is practicable and approved by OSO; and, in addition, endeavor to furnish through all other available channels and procedures necessary spot technical and scientific guidance to OSO [Redacted] operations."

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Special Operations

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Draft memo *[Signature]*

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